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LEGISLATIVE FUNCTIONS COMMITTEE - NEVADA STATE LEGISLATURE - 58TH SESSION

February 20, 1975

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dreyer at 2:25 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Bennett  
Mrs. Brookman  
Mr. Mello  
Mr. Sena  
Mrs. Wagner  
Mr. Chairman

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Jacobsen

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Speaker (Keith Ashworth) Mr. Wally Warren  
Mouryne Landing - Chief Clerk Mr. Robert Guinn

The remainder of the Standing Rules were examined with no further comment.

Mrs. Landing was asked if the situation regarding the pages was taken care of and she said she had discussed the matter with the pages and the Sergeant at Arms. In addition to that, Mr. Ashworth has instructed his secretary to sit in the Sergeant at Arms office during General File so an additional page will be available on the Floor. After further discussion, it was decided that one additional page will be employed and perhaps even two. Mrs. Landing said that the new page will be thoroughly familiarized with the facility and this will also be discussed with the pages who are presently employed.

As was discussed at the previous meeting, Mr. Wally Warren, a lobbyist, was present to speak about the rules that have been set up by the lobbyist with regard to their behavior in the halls of the Legislature. He supplied the committee with the attached sheet of suggested rules of conduct and commented that this was a joint effort between he and Mr. Guinn in consultation with many others who use the legislative halls here for some special interest. He said this same code was adopted by the 1967 Legislative Functions Committee and that this copy was merely updated to fit the new building. He commented that it is not anything more than good manners and added that the Senate Legislative Functions Committee is presently drafting these suggested rules into a resolution and said he would like to see both Houses do this and a copy be given to all lobbyists. He felt this would take care of any problems that might be occurring now. Mr. Guinn added that he thought a copy should be posted conspicuously in the legislative halls and in the lobby. Mr. Warren commented that many of the newer lobbyists really don't know what is expected of them and this would really be a help to them and thus a help to the legislators. The committee was not certain if the Senate resolution was to be concurrent or not,

but in the event it was not, Mrs. Wagner moved that these rules be put in the form of an Assembly Resolution for committee introduction. This motion was seconded by Mr. Mello and was voted on unanimously. At this point, Mr. Warren advised that action be taken as quickly as possible as it would be even more important as the Session progressed. Chairman Dreyer said a Rush would be put on it.

Discussion then turned to ACR 9 for which Mr. Mello had two amendments.

ACR 9 directs Legislative Commission to study budget formulas and format used for University of Nevada System.

The two amendments are:

In line 11, the wording "and the" be removed and insert ", the", and

in line 12, delete "patterns" and insert "patterns and presentation in an appropriate format for review by the Legislature".

Mr. John Dolan, a legislative fiscal analyst, said the only reason he could see for the first amendment was strictly grammatical.

With regard to the second amendment, Mr. Dolan had the following comments:

This is a \$8,000,000.00 budget and it is very confusing as it is presently presented and as it has been presented in the past. He said it was very critical that a format be established so some sense can be made of it. He added that even after working on it for six months it is confusing to him and he is concerned for the legislators who must wade through it and make decisions on it in such a short period of time. He said they want a format that will be easy to read by busy committee people. Mr. Dolan said the Chancellor was in favor of working up something like this and Mr. Dolan said it would be best to do it right now since work will commence on it again about three months after the Session ends and will continue for about 14 months in preparation for the next Session. He concluded by saying this is the largest single State agency in Nevada and anything that can be done to make it more clear and more understandable would be worthwhile.

✓ ACR 9

Mr. Mello moved for a "do pass as amended". This was seconded by Mr. Bennett and carried the committee unanimously.

Mr. Sena moved the minutes of the previous meeting be approved which was seconded by Mrs. Brookman and carried the committee unanimously.

Mr. Mello moved for adjournment, seconded by Mrs. Brookman and unanimously passed the committee. Adjournment at 3:00 P.M.

LEGISLATIVE FUNCTIONS COMMITTEE  
LEGISLATION ACTION

DATE February 20, 1975

SUBJECT ACR 9 - directs Legislative Commission to study  
budget formulas and format used for University of Nevada System.

MOTION: Do pass as amended X

Do Pass        Amend        Indefinitely Postpone        Reconsider       

Moved By Mr. Mello Seconded By Mr. Bennett

AMENDMENT: \_\_\_\_\_

Moved By \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded By \_\_\_\_\_

AMENDMENT: \_\_\_\_\_

Moved BY \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded By \_\_\_\_\_

VOTE:	<u>MOTION</u>		<u>AMEND</u>		<u>AMEND</u>	
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Mr. Bennett	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Mrs. Brookman	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Mr. Jacobsen	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Mr. Mello	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Mr. Sena	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Mrs. Wagner	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Mr. Chairman	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ORIGINAL MOTION: Passed X Defeated        Withdrawn       

AMENDED & PASSED        AMENDED & DEFEATED       

AMENDED & PASSED        AMENDED & DEFEATED       

Attached to Minutes February 20, 1975

SUGGESTED RULES GOVERNING CONDUCT OF CITIZENS AND LEGISLATIVE ADVOCATES DURING SESSIONS OF THE NEVADA LEGISLATURE

(1) The Legislature recognizes the right of individual citizens and representatives of citizen groups to express their views and to seek and supply information on legislative matters, and that this cannot be carried out effectively without conferences with individual legislators.

(2) In exercising their rights and performing their functions individuals and group representatives should recognize the heavy schedules of legislators and should conduct themselves in such a manner as not to interfere with the essential business of the legislature, nor the need for privacy of the legislators especially when at their desks in the legislative chambers.

(3) Persons interested in discussing legislative matters with individual legislators should request permission to do so, and to the extent practical, should seek definite appointments in writing through the Sergeant-at-Arms of the respective legislative bodies.

(4) Unless it is a matter of immediate urgency, requests for appointments and contacts with legislators should be limited to those periods when the legislative bodies are in an extended recess or adjourned.

(5) It is recognized that the floor of each house should be open to individuals and legislative advocates during extended recesses and adjournment for the purpose of seeking information from the Chief Clerks, arranging appointments and for conferences with individual legislators after permission has been obtained. Entrance on the floor should be confined to those

occasions.

(6) No legislative advocate should enter the floor of either house when the legislative body is in session and legislators should refrain from extending invitations to known advocates to sit on the floor during such times.

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(7) Advocates and visitors to the Legislature should refrain from loitering in the hallways between the legislative chambers and should hold conferences between themselves or their constituents in the visitors lounges on the Second Floor or the advocates room on the Third Floor.

(8) Advocates and visitors should avoid using the telephone booths immediately adjacent to the two legislative chambers, reserving use of those facilities for members of the Legislature.

(9) The Senate and Assembly lounges are provided for the exclusive use of the members of the Legislature. Advocates and visitors may not enter except on specific invitation of a member of the Legislature.

(10) All literature, communications, or other material directed to members of the Legislature for delivery at their desks must be distributed by the Sergeant-at-Arms and must carry identification of the person or persons responsible for its dissemination.